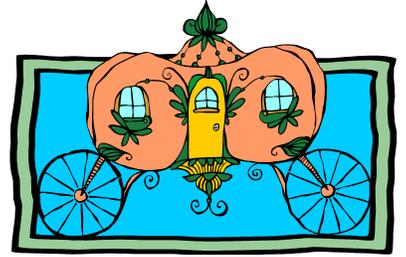


MR. HRYMAK'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Weeks of December 10 and 17, 2018 - Unit 2 - Week 2

Language Arts

Happy Monday! This lesson's stories include titles such as "Modern Cinderella," "Where the Mountain Meets the Moon," and "The Princess and the Pea." Yes, you guessed it...the genre is *Fairy Tales*.



The next round of book talks are due next week. As usual, students received a detailed outline over two week's ago. It is also posted online.

This Week's Reading Strategy:

- Making Predictions

This Week's Vocabulary Words:

- circumstances, consideration, consults, destiny, expectations, presence, and reveal

This Week's Vocabulary Strategy:

- Simile and Metaphor

This Week's Grammar Strategy:

- Singular and Plural Nouns

How can you help at home?

Word Workout (See Page 34 Attached)

Word Workout: Words to Know: simile and metaphor

In this activity, you and your child will write a short story. You will take turns forming sentences that use the words, adding one sentence at a time to build the story.

Words to Know: Prefixes

Help your child choose a vocabulary word around which he or she can build a story. Then he or she makes up sentences using the rest of the words.

Spelling/Phonics: plurals

You should use the word list and say the singular form of each word. Your child will make up a sentence using the plural form of the word and then spell the plural form.

Comprehension Skill: compare and contrast (See Page 35 Attached)

In this exercise, your child will compare and contrast similar activities, noting the specific traits that are alike and those that are different.

As is always the case, the attached activity pages do not need to be brought back to school. They are for extra practice and review at home.

Reading Assessment:

The test will mainly cover the following information:

- Reading Skills: Character, Setting, Plot: Compare and Contrast
- Comprehension Strategy: Making Predictions
- Vocabulary Skill: Simile and Metaphor

Your child can review pages 106 - 115 in their Reading/Writing Workshop book, and well as reviewing online.

Science

We will complete and assess the *Properties of Matter* unit this week and move on to a unit called *Changes to Matter*.

Other Important Upcoming Stuff:

- Our class will be visiting their senior e-pals at Peace Village on Wednesday, December 19th. A permission slip will be sent home this week.
- Palos West's annual *Reindeer Run* and *West Movie Day* is Friday, December 21.
- Winter break begin on Saturday, December 22. School resumes for students on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.
- The second grading period ends on Friday, January 12.
- If you celebrate Christmas, I wish you and your family a very *Merry Christmas*, and everyone a *Happy New Year!!*

